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Take the PATUXENT CHALLENGE

- **PARTICIPATE** in a variety of outdoor activities throughout the Patuxent River watershed.
- **COMPLETE** one activity per county plus the City of Laurel in a calendar year (8 total activities).
- **DOCUMENT** your participation by taking a selfie with each activity's Patuxent Challenge sign.
- **CLAIM** your prize: Email your mailing address* and your selfie pics to PatuxentChallenge@gmail.com.

#PatuxentChallenge

*Only one prize per mailing address.

Site #	Participating Sites	Address	County
1	Robinson Nature Center	6692 Cedar Ln Columbia, MD 21044	HOWARD
2	Brown's Bridge Recreation Area	2220 Ednor Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20905	MONTGOMERY
3	Scott's Cove Recreation Area	11004 Harding Rd Laurel, MD 20723	HOWARD
4	Supplee Lane Recreation Area	16904 Supplee Ln Laurel, MD 20707	MONTGOMERY
5	Riverfront Park	Avondale St Laurel, MD 20707	CITY OF LAUREL
6	Patuxent River Park- Governor's Bridge Natural Area	7600 Governor Bridge Rd Bowie, MD 20716	PRINCE GEORGE'S
7	Patuxent Wetlands Park	1426 Marlboro Rd Lothian, MD 20711	ANNE ARUNDEL
8	Parris N. Glendening Nature Preserve	1361 Wrighton Road Lothian, MD 20711	ANNE ARUNDEL
9	Patuxent River Park- Jug Bay Natural Area	16000 Croom Airport Rd Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	PRINCE GEORGE'S
10	Kings Landing Park	3255 Kings Landing Rd Huntingtown, MD 20639	CALVERT
11	Maxwell Hall Park	6680 Maxwell Hall Drive Hughesville, MD 20637	CHARLES
12	Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum	10515 Mackall Road St Leonard, MD 20685	CALVERT
13	Sotterley Plantation	44300 Sotterley Lane Hollywood, MD 20636	ST MARY'S
14	Myrtle Point Park	24050 Patuxent Blvd California, MD 20619	ST MARY'S

Patuxent River, tributary streams and wetlands

Patuxent River Watershed

THE PATUXENT CHALLENGE

The Patuxent River is the largest river completely within Maryland: 115 miles long, a watershed of over 900 square miles. It was designated one of Maryland's most scenic rivers in 1968 and is full of history, culture, and natural beauty. Seven counties lie within the watershed and offer a diversity of outdoor activities. By completing this challenge, you will experience a different Patuxent River with each activity as it changes from its headwaters to the Chesapeake Bay.

Share your adventures on social media using #PatuxentChallenge.

Sites and Activities

#1 HIKE @ JAMES and ANNE ROBINSON NATURE CENTER
HOWARD COUNTY
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044
SIGN LOCATION: Left of Entrance @ Sycamore Stroll Trail and Mill Ruins Trail Signs
Enjoy a hike on 0.6 mile of trails that meander alongside the Middle Patuxent River and wind down to the Simpsonville Mill Historical Ruins. Hours of operation are Wed. thru Sat., 9:00AM to 5:00PM; Sunday, noon to 5:00PM. Admission is $5.00 for Adults and $3.00 for Children 3-17 yrs., under 3 free. Admission fee includes tour of our LEED Platinum Nature Center and exhibits 410-313-0400

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Robinson

#2 HIKE @ BROWNS BRIDGE RECREATION AREA
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Park at 2200 Ednor Road, Silver Spring MD 20905
SIGN LOCATION: End of Trail at Tucker Lane
Enjoy a 3 mile round trip hike to see the flow of the northern portion of the Patuxent River.   A WSSC watershed use permit is required . Area is closed from December 1st until about March 15th. Call 301-206-4FUN to check hours.
All inquiries should be directed to the Brighton Dam Visitor Center. 301-206-7485

https://www.wsscwater.com/watershed

#3 PICNIC @ SCOTTS COVE RECREATION AREA
HOWARD COUNTY
Park at 10845 Harding Road, Laurel, MD 20723
SIGN LOCATION: Playground area
 Bring your favorite picnic and enjoy a scenic view of the T. Howard Duckett Reservoir, the drinking water source for 1/3 of WSSC's customers. A WSSC watershed use permit is required . Area is closed from December 1st until about March 15th. Call 301-206-4FUN to check hours.
All inquiries should be directed to the Brighton Dam Visitor Center. 301-206-7485

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#4 HIKE @ SUPPLEE RECREATION AREA
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Park at 16904 Supplee Lane, Laurel, MD 20707
SIGN LOCATION: County line
Hike or horseback ride (need own horse) North on the multiuse trail to the line for Prince George's and Montgomery County (2 miles roundtrip). On the way back, explore the shoreline or grab your fishing gear or binoculars to look for eagles and great blue herons.
A WSSC watershed use permit is required to hike and a valid State of Maryland fishing license if you plan to fish. Area is closed from December 1st until about March 15th. Call 301-206-4FUN to check hours.
All inquiries should be directed to the Brighton Dam Visitor Center. 301-206-7485

https://www.wsscwater.com/watershed

#5 HIKE @ RIVERFRONT PARK
CITY OF LAUREL
Avondale Street, Laurel, MD 20707
SIGN LOCATION: Trail Head
Enjoy a hike through scenic wetlands and historic dam ruins on the 1.5 mile paved trail at Riverfront Park. This park is also located next to the Laurel Museum. There is no admission fee. Park is open seven days a week; dawn to dusk.
301-725-7800

https://www.cityoflaurel.org/parks/facilities/riverfront-park

#6 HIKE @ GOVERNOR BRIDGE NATURAL AREA
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
7600 Governor Bridge Road, Bowie, MD 20716
SIGN LOCATION: Red Trail
Enjoy a 0.75 mile hike through wildflowers and mature hardwood forest to a scenic overlook of the Patuxent River. There is no admission fee. Park is open daily from 8:00am to dusk. 301-627-6074

http://pgparks.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Governor-Bridge-Natural-Area-and-Canoe-L-239

#7 FISHING @ PATUXENT WETLANDS PARK
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
1426 Mt. Zion Marlboro Road, Lothian, MD 20711
SIGN LOCATION: Fishing Pier
Cast your line from the Patuxent Wetlands Park fishing pier to catch the big one. Common species include blue and channel catfish, white and yellow perch, northern snakehead, and largemouth bass.   Persons 16 or older are required to have a valid Maryland Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sport Fishing License. No admissions fee. Park is open dawn to dusk. Site is located at end of Marlboro Road 410-741-9330

http://www.jugbay.org/visit_us/directions#PWP

#8 HIKE @ GLENDENING NATURE PRESERVE
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
1290 Wrighton Road, Lothian, MD 20711
SIGN LOCATION: Chris Swarth Boardwalk off Cliff Trail
Experience the marsh up close with a 0.6 mile hike along a forested bluff to the Chris Swarth Boardwalk. No admissions fee. Parking and trail maps are located at the Wrighton Road entrance of the Glendening Preserve; open daily from 9:00am-5:00pm. Reservations are not required.
410-741-9330

http://www.jugbay.org/visit_us/directions#GNP_-_Wrighton

#9 PADDLE @ JUG BAY NATURAL AREA
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
SIGN LOCATION: Canoe Launch @ Jackson's Landing
Rent (or bring your own) canoe or kayak to explore the freshwater tidal marshes of the Patuxent River by water. Daily canoe/kayak rentals are available April through October. There is no admission fee. Park is open daily 8am to dusk. 301-627-6074

http://pgparks.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Jug-Bay-Natural-Area-112

#10 PADDLE @ KINGS LANDING PARK
CALVERT COUNTY
3255 Kings Landing Road, Huntingtown MD 20639
SIGN LOCATION: Fishing Pier
Bring your own canoe, kayak, or standup paddleboard to explore the middle Patuxent and this brackish water estuary. Canoe/kayak/paddleboard rentals may be available in 2018, call for more information. There is no admission fee. Park is open daily 9:00AM to 8:00PM Memorial Day to Labor Day; 9:00AM to 5:00PM Labor Day to Memorial Day. 410-535-2661

http://www.co.cal.md.us/kingslandingpark

#11 HIKE @ MAXWELL HALL PARK
CHARLES COUNTY
6680 Maxwell Drive, Hughesville, MD 20637
SIGN LOCATION: Beach Rest Area off Blue Trail
Hike the 2.8 mile Blue Trail loop through fields and forests to the peaceful beach rest area. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenic view of the Patuxent River. Park is open daily 8:00am to dusk. 301-932-3470

http://www.charlescountymd.gov/locations/maxwell-hall-park

#12 HIKE @ JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK AND MUSEUM
CALVERT COUNTY
10515 Mackall Road, St. Leonard, MD 20685
SIGN LOCATION: Along Village Trail
This ADA-accessible trail begins across from the Pavilion and takes visitors to the replica Indian Village. Along the way, interpretive signs talk about the changes in the environment and landscape in the past 400 years, as well as the Eastern Woodland Indian culture of past, present, and future. Open all year from 7:30AM until dusk except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. 410-586-8501
http://www.jefpat.org/

#13 HIKE @ HISTORIC SOTTERLEY PLANTATION
ST. MARY'S COUNTY
44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636
SIGN LOCATION: At the Visitors Center
Whether you come by car or boat, experience 300 years of history at Sotterley, with 94 acres, over 20 historic buildings including a 1703 Plantation House and 1830's Slave Cabin, Colonial Revival Gardens and more. Guest can hike almost 6 miles on Sotterley's trail system, to include overlooks of Sotterley Creek and the Patuxent River. The Visitor Center is open May 1 – Oct. 31 for the Guided Tour season: Tues. – Sat. from 10:00AM – 4:00AM and Sunday from Noon – 4:00AM.   The site is open year round for self-guided tours, and guests still begin their visit at the Visitor Center. Fees for ages 6 and up range from $5.00 to $10.00, and full information about visiting and fees can be found online. 301-373-2280

http://www.sotterley.org

#14 WALK, WADE, BEACH-COMB @ MYRTLE POINT PARK
ST MARY'S COUNTY
SIGN LOCATION: Along Wet Sox Trail
This 0.5 mile beach trail begins at the picnic area and offers beautiful vistas of the Solomon's Bridge and access to the park's beach and favorite fishing spots. Continue through the woods past the beach to return to the main parking area along a rolling grassy lane.
Fee when gates are open: County resident $5.00 per vehicle, Out of County resident $10.00 per vehicle . Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset (except for special evening and night activities). During the winter months, gates are closed but the park is open for use by pedestrians who may park at the entrance and walk into the park. 301-475-4200 *1800
24050 Patuxent Boulevard, California, MD 20619

http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/Myrtlepointpark.asp

About
The Patuxent Challenge is an initiative of the Tourism Workgroup of the Patuxent River Commission. The Tourism Workgroup was established to maintain, create, and encourage opportunities for river-related economic activities, to encourage public access, and recreational opportunities on the river and tributaries throughout the Patuxent River watershed.